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2. VIOLENCE.
-- THE POLICE INFORMATION CENTER (PIC) REPORTED THAT A TOTAL OF 88 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED IN JAMAICA IN THE TWELVE-DAY PERIOD SINCE NOMINATION DAY, OCTOBER 14, INCUDING 55 WHO WERE KILLED BY GUNFIRE AND 11 WHO WERE KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. THIS BRING STO 123 THE NUMBER KILLED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER. SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR ,433 PERSONS HAVE BEEN KILLED BY SECURITY FORCES; 115 HAVE BEEN KILLED BY MEANS OTHER THAN GUNS, AND 27 MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY FORCES HAVE BEEN KILLED. THE MONTHLY BREAKDOWN OF CRIMINAL KILLINGS IS AS FOLLOWS: JANUARY 11; FEBRUARY 15; MARCH 7; APRIL 28; MAY 28; JUNE 60; JULY 125;AUGUST 31; SEPTEMBER 57; OCTOBER 74.
-- ON OCTOBER 28 A MAN WAS KILLED ON ONE OF KINGSTON'S MAIN STREETS BY AN ARMED MAN WHO HAD ATTEMPTED TO KIDNAP THE DECEASED.
-- TWO OTHER INDIVIDUALS WERE KILLED IN CLARENDON AND ST. MAY FOR UNKNOWN REASONS ON OCTOBER 27.
-- PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) CANDIDATE FOR NORTH EASTERN MANCHESTER CALVIN LYN HAS ISSUED A STATEMENT DENOUNCING VIOLENCE AGAINST HIS SUPPORTERS AND CAMPAIGN OFFICIALS. LYN ALSO ALLEGED THAT ONE OF HIS CAMPAIGN VEHICLES WAS DESTROYED AND SOME SOUND EQUIPMENT STOLEN BY JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) SUPPORTERS.
--FIGHTING BROKE OUT BETWEEN JLP AND PNP SUPPORTERS IN MAY PEN ON OCTOBER 26. NO ONE WAS SERIUSLY INJURED, BUT POLICE AND SOLDIERS HAD TO BE CALLED IN TO RESTORE CALM.

3. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.
--THE DISCOVERY IN MONTEGO BAY OF THE TEN RUGER FILES WITH AMMUNITION AND FLASH SUPPRESSERS (SEITEP NO. 6) HAS SPARKED A ROUND OF CHARGE/COUNTER-CHARGE BETWEEN THE PNP AND THE JLP. THE PNP ISSUED A STATEMENT OCTOBER 28 SAYING THE PLANE ON WHICH THE GUNS WERE BROUGHT TO JAMAICA FROM FLORIDA WAS OWNED BY JLP ACTIVIST ARNOLD CHIN AND THAT THE PLANE WAS USED FO "SKY WRITING" JLP ADVERTISEMENTS. PRIMIN MANLEY CHARGED THE RILES WERE INTENDED FOR "ASSASSINATION." THE JLP DENIED THAT CHIN HAD EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE JLP, THAT THE PARTY HAD NOT USED ANY OF HIS PLANES, AND CALLED THE PNP STATEMENT A "COMPLETE AND OUTRAGEOUS LIE." BOTH SIDES COMMENDED THOSE PERSONS WHOSE ALERTNESS LED TO THE DETECTION OF THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION. THE POLICE HAVE DETAINED THE TWO PILOTS, WHO REPORTEDLY FLEW THE TWIN-ENGINE CESSNA FROM OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, WHERE IT HAD BEEN REPAIRED, TO JAMAICA, BUT NO FURTHER DETAILS HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED.
-- GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE WORKER'S PARTY OF JAMAICA (WPJ) TREVOR MUNROE WAS QUOTED BY THE OCTOBER 29 DAILY GLEANER AS SAYING THAT "SOCIALISH IS COMMUNISM AND COMMUNISM IS SOCIALISM." HE WAS SPEAKING AT A MEETING HELD BY THE PNP CANDIATE FOR CENTRAL WESTMORELAND. (A SENIOR PNP OFFICIAL RECENTLY DESCRIBED MUNROE TO AN EMBOFF AS "POLITICALLY NAIVE")
-- THE OCTOBER 28 STAR, PUBLISHED BY THE DAILY GLEANER COMPANY, CARRIED A REPORT BY A FORMER PNP ACTIVIST OF HIS MARKING BALLOT PAPERS FOR THE 1976 ELECTIONS IN ST. THOMAS. HE CLAIMS THAT HE MARKED SO MANY BALLOT PAPERS, HIS FINGERS GOT NUMB.
-- IN A STATEMENT RELEASED ON OCTOBER 25, THE PNP TOOK EXCEPTION TO THE JLP'S COMMENTS ONALLEGED CUBAN ACTIVITY IN JAMAICA (SITERP NO. 6). THE RELEASE SAID," THE CHARGES BY THE JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY AND THEIR CONTINUED ATTEMPT TO INFER CUBAN INTERFERENCEIN JAMAICA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS ARE BOTH MISCHIEVOUS AND OUTRAGEOUS."
-- AT A RALLY IN NEW YORK ON OCTOBER 26, SPONSORED BY THE CARIBBEAN PEOPLE'S ALLIANCE AND THE JAMAICA PROGRESSIVE LEAGUE AND ATTENDED BY PNP SENATOR PAUL MILLER, SPEAKERS CALLED ON THE U.S. AND THE CIA TO STOP MEDDLING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF JAMAICA AND TO ALLOW JAMAICANS TO FREELY ELECT THE GOVERNMENT OF THEIR CHOICE IN THURSDAY'S GENERAL ELECTIONS, ACCORDING TO A REPORT IN THE PRO-PNP DAILY NEWS OF OCTOBER 29. MILLER, WHO IS HEAD OF THE PARTY'S INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, REPORTEDLY WARNED OF POSSIBLE PLANS FOR ARMED INTERVENTION IN JAMAICA. (HE EXPLAINED TO EMBOFF TODAY THAT HE WAS REFERRING SOLELY TO POSSIBLE INTERNAL VIOLENCE).
-- LOCAL RADIO BORADCASTS OCTOBER 29 ARE REPORTING THAT THE JDF HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ALL JDF PERSONNEL ARE SHIFTING TO KHAKI UNIFORMS INSTEAD OF THEIR NORMAL GREEN UNIFORMS. (COMMENT: WITH THE MANY REPORT OF GUNMENT WEARING MILITARY-STYLE UNIFORMS, THIS ACTION IS INTENDED TO AVOID CONFUSION-BOTH AMONG THE SECURITY FORCES AND IN THE PUBLIC VIEW--BETWEEN LEGITIMATE JDF PERSONNEL AND ARMED IMPERSONATORS. END COMMENT.)

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--PNP DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY PAUL ROBERTSON ISSUED A STATEMNT OCTOBER 28 DENYING WHAT HE DESCIRBED AS A MIAMI HERALD ARTICLE O TH SAME DAY WHICH HE SAID CHARRGED CUBA WILL INTERVENE IN THE ELECTIONS WITH FALSE BALLOT BOXES AND 700 BLACK CUBAN SECURITY PERSONNEL. (COMMENT: . UNDERSTAND HHE HERALD RAN AN ARTICLE BY DON BOHNING OCTOBER 28 WHICH CATALOGUED A SERIES OF LOCAL RUMORS OF CUBAN INTERFERENCE BUT WHICH CAST STRONG DOUBT ON THEIR CREDIBILITY. SEAGA TOLD BOHNING OCTOBER 26 THAT 2,000 CUBAN TROOPS WOLD INVADE THE ISLAND BUT BOHNING DION'T THINK SEAGA WAS SERIOUS. IN HIS STORY HE WROTE OF A RUMOR THAT SEVERAL HUNDRED CUBANS WOULD INTERFERE AND A TRANSCRIPTION ERROR CAUSED SEVERAL TO BECOME SEVEN. END COMMENT.
-- AGROUP OF WPJ MEMBERS ARRESTED IN LUCEA. HANOVER IN POSSESSION, OF MOLOTOV COCKTAILS WERE SENT OCTOBER 28 BY A LOCAL MAGISTRATE TO THE KINGSTON GUNCOURT.
-- OPPOSITION LEADER SEAGA HELO A PRESS CONFERENCE OCTOBER 28 FOR THE FOREIGN PRESS. LOCAL JOURNALISTS WERE EXCLUDED A RESTRICTION WHICH GAVE JBC TELEVISION AN OPPORTUNITY TO LAMBAST SEAGA. SEVERAL LOCAL JOURNALISTS APPEARED FOR THE SESSION, AND ONE, JOHN MAXWELL WHO ONCE RAN AGAINST SEAGA, RAISED A RUCKUS UNTIL BEING ALLOWED TO REMAIN. JBC REPORTED THAT SEAGA AMERICAN PUBLIC RELATIONS ADVISOR ANN SABO PHYSICALLY TRIED TO BAR LOCAL JOURNALISTS AND CALLED THE POLICE TO HAVE THEM EJECTED. SEAGA HAD NOTHING NEW TO SAY AT THE CONFERENCE AND DID NOT AS WE THOUGH HE MIGHT, USE THE OCCASION TO ALLEGE PLANS FOR CUBAN INTERFERENCE IN THE ELECTION.
--THE DAILY NEWS OF OCTOBER 29 CARRIED AN ARTICLE DATELINED WASHINGTON ON A "RESEARCH PAPER" PRESENTED BY THE COUNCIL ON HEMISPEHERIC AFFAIRS ON OCTOBER 27 THE PAPER REPORTEDLY BLAMES JLP LEADER SEAGA FOR HIS ROLE IN "EXACERBATING VIOLENCE, USING INFLAMMATORY LANGUAGE AND INVITING INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION". IT ALSO CRITIZEZES PRIMIN MANLEY'S PREOCCUPATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ISSUES TO THE OCCASIONAL DETRMINETN OF HIS NATION'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS THE COUNCIL ALSO SAID THAT REPEATED ALLEGATIONS IN THE US AND JAMAICAN PRESS OF CUBAN INVOLVEMENT IN JAMAICA AFFAIRS "UNDER THE MANLEY ADMINISTRATION "HAVE NEVER BEEN SUBSTANTITED AND THEN MENTIONED THE ATTACKED ON A CIA OFFICER'S HOUSE IN KINGSTON SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, POINTING OUT THE "SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES" WHICH MAKE UNCLEAR THE MOTIVES OF THE ATTACK AND RAISES THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WAS STAGED TO EMBARRASS MANLEY AND CREATE SUMPATHY FOR PRO CIA LEGISLATION IN THE US. THE DOCUMENT SAID THAT SEAGA'S ROLE IN THE ROUGHLY 500 KILLINGS SINCE JANUARY GIVES" EVIDENCE THAT SEAGA IS MORE INTERESTED IN GAINING POWER BY ANY MEANS AT ALL INCLUDING THE USE OF SHOCK TROOPS FINANCED BY A SEEMINGLY BOTTOM LESS WAR CHEST-- THAN IN STRENGTHENING THE RULEX AND TRADITIONS OF DEMOCRACY" FINALLY THE CUNCIL IS QUOTED AS SAYING "IN CONTRAST TO MANLEY'S STATEMANSHIP AND OUTSPOKEN COMMITMENT TO A PROUD NATIONALIST AND DEMOCRATIC COURSE FOR THE NATION. SEAGA'S WORRISOME AND UNTESSTED EXTREMISM CONJURES UP THE SPECTRE OF A JAMAICA BROUGHT TO ITS KNEES BEFORE INTERNATIONAL INVESTORS AND LENDERS WITH NO GUARANTEE THAT THIS HUMILIATING ABOUT FACE WOULD BRING ECONOMIC RELIEF OF ANY SORT TO THE NATION". THE COUNCIL OF HIMISHERIC AFFAIRS IS DESCRIBED IN THE ARTICLE AS A WASHINGTON BSED ORGANIZATION WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE MOSTEFFECTIVE HUMAN RIGHTS LOBBYING GROUPS IN THE US. (WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY OF THE PAPER IF IT IS AVAILABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT)
--MEMBERS OF THE POLICE WHO WERE UNABLE TO VOTE ON SATURDAY BECAUSE OF PROBLEMS AT THE POLLING STATIONS VOTED ON OCTOBER 29.
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